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Representative Gillespie Finds House Napping and Wins Victory.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Question Punishing Railroads Squarely Up to President.

Fort Worth Record.

Washington, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Because he was vigilant and the leaders of the majority were napping, Representative Gillespie of Texas was today enabled to get his resolution relating to the Pennsylvania railroad merger through the house and to put squarely up to the President the question of whether or not the facts regarding that combine are to be made public and the proper punishment for violation of the law meted out to the offenders. It will be remembered that Mr. Gillespie first offered his resolution some two weeks ago. The committee to which it was referred having failed to act, he called up the resolution at the end of a week and attempted to get action on the ground that it was privileged, but the speaker ruled it out of order because one or two words in the resolution gave an excuse for asserting that it asked for something in addition to information. Mr. Gillespie thereupon rewrote the resolution and put it in again, the committee failed to act, as before, and the necessary period having expired, he called it up as a privileged matter and it was adopted without a

dissenting vote, the majority leaders apparently not realizing its significance. Finally, however, Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania woke up and after a parliamentary tangle had been straightened out, moved with more or less heat that the action by which the resolution was adopted be reconsidered. Mr. Gillespie immediately moved to lay that motion on the table and demanded the ayes and noes, with the result that the Dalzell motion was tabled by a vote of 122 to 95.

POTENCY OF PASSES.

A number of the representatives were absent and even some of those who rushed in from the restaurant and from committee rooms voted to table the motion made by Mr. Dalzell, thus showing that the feeling of resentment against the railroads for ceasing the issuance of passes is beginning to make itself felt in a tangible way and indicating, too, that the possession of passes in the past has prevented any sort of action which would tend to injure the transportation lines.

Damaging facts showing the existence of a merger on the part of the Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, Chesapeake & Ohio, Norfolk & Western and one or two subsidiary roads are known to be in the possession of the interstate commerce commission, and under the Gillespie resolution the President will either have to cause these to be sent to congress or else be made to appear as a defender of wrongful practice on the part of those roads. In any event, the attention now directed toward the matter will make it at least embarrassing for him to explain why the violation of the law has not been punished since the interstate commerce commission has what appears to be positive knowledge concerning it. Mr. Gillespie got in the arena at the psychological moment, for immediately before he took the floor Representative Stephens of Texas had been prevented from getting up as a privileged matter the resolution calling on the interstate commerce commission for information

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regarding alleged abuses in Texas cattle rates. The resolution was ruled out on the point of order that it was not directed to the head of a department, but the same point could not be made against the Gillespie resolution, since it was directed to the President, the head of all departments. Mr. Stephens will reframe his resolution so as to make it privileged in the event the committee does not report within a week and in that form will again introduce it.

The adoption of the Gillespie resolution is regarded as the most important step toward the breaking up of railroad combines that has been accomplished in many a day. It is bound to be effective, apparently, at least, to the extent of making the administration show its hand.

In speaking of his resolution Mr. Gillespie said:

“The interstate commerce commission decided against the railroad company and ordered that it permit the connection to be made so that the complainant company could get the product of its mines on the markets of the country. In the finding of fact by the commission in this case it clearly discloses, to my mind, a bare-faced, bald, open conspiracy in restraint of interstate commerce, and I believe if the interstate commerce commission will make a full and complete report of all the facts in its possession tending to show the unlawful combinations among these railroads, that there will be disclosed to the world a most shocking, humiliating and notorious violation of the Sherman anti-trust law right under the very shadow of the capitol of the nation.”

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H. M. S. MEETING.

Friday afternoon the Home Mission Society met in regular session at the parsonage.

This was our second meeting during the new year and we feel much encouraged by the number of new members coming in and the interest shown by all in the work of the society.

We insist that every member of the auxiliary who can possibly do so, come to our next regular meeting on Feb. 9, when officers will be elected for ensuing year. It is expected at this meeting to plan our work for the year. There is much grace work to be done and we want you to help us.

Mrs. Oscar Martin,
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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ADDRESS OUTLINING THE PURPOSES OF ASSOCIATION.

MONEY A GREY MENACE.

Consolidated Interests Spend It Proudly to Prostitute the Ballot and Steal Elections.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Publicity of election contributions and expenditures and the formation of organizations to promote these purposes in all states are urged in an address issued today by the National Publicity Bill Organization. The address follows:

For the purpose of eliminating, by all appropriate methods, the evils resulting from secret contributions and expenditures of large sums of money in elections, a meeting was held in the city of Washington Jan. 17, 1906; an association was formed, to be known as the National Publicity Bill organization, and this address was authorized:

“The secret and corrupt use of money in the election of the chief magistrate of a nation, its legislatures and its state and municipal officers is a dangerous menace to the institutions of a free people. The profligate use of money for such purposes enables consolidated interests, by secret contributions, depriving them many times of their political rights to confer them on the few.

It is chiefly asserted that the first

and most important measure of relief is the passage of a national law requiring the disclosure, under oath, of every contribution of money and every promise of money in national campaigns, and, in case of evasion, providing for exposure, detection and punishment suitably, as set forth in a bill prepared under the auspices of this organization.

This organization desires to promote the formation of similar organizations in every state of the union, that the proposed national law may be supplemented by state legislation of like character and as nearly uniform as possible.

This movement has the support of leading representative men of the political parties and of organized labor. It concerns the rights and honor of every citizen, and the approval and active co-operation of all are earnestly invoked to carry this reform to a successful solution.

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FRANK K. FOSTER Massachusetts Secretary.

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The rates in the regular insurance societies are greater than a very large majority of the people feel able or disposed to pay. They are made so in order that their officers and agents may be paid princely salaries; many of their officers being paid salaries twice as large as that paid to the president of the United States. The object of the Home Helping society is to avoid such expense and furnish to its members insurance at actual cost. No salaries are paid to its officers, and with the exception of a small fee from each member to cover the expense of bookkeeping, stationery, postage and other necessary expenses, which will be light, every dollar paid in by its members will be paid back to them (their beneficiaries) in the payment of death claims.

The plan, briefly stated, is this: You pay \$3.25 when you take a policy in the society. One dollar of this is put into the policy fund in the hands of a bonded treasurer to be paid to the beneficiary of the first member that dies, and as many dollars will be paid to them as there are members of the Society at the time, be it 100 or 750. Then an assessment will be made of \$1 per member to replenish the policy or death fund so that the cash will be on hand to pay the next death claim, and so on as deaths occur. After the fee paid at the time of joining there will be nothing else to pay except the death assessments and expense fund, of not exceeding \$1 a year, to keep up the expense account, as above explained. Thus it is seen that the members get back every dollar paid in, except \$2.25 paid at time of joining and \$1 or less a year for the expense fund. The membership will be limited to 750 in the county and when that number have joined your policy will be worth \$750 cash to your family upon your death. At any time it will be worth as many dollars as there are members in the Society.

The money to pay death claims will always be in the hands of the Society's bonded treasurer in Haskell and claims will be paid within a day, possibly an hour, after proof of a death. Persons of both sexes between the ages of 18 and 55 years who are in good health may join this Society.

The incorporators or charter members of this society are: R. E. Sherrill, W. L. Hills, D. B. English, W. E. Sherrill, R. C. Montgomery, Jno. B. Baker, J. W. Meadors, J. E. Poole, R. E. Ellis, T. B. Russell, J. D. Smith, G. R. Couch, Jno. L. Robertson, H. S. Wilson, H. G. McConnell, C. D. Long.

The officers are: R. E. Sherrill, president; R. C. Montgomery, vice-president; J. W. Meadors, secretary; W. E. Sherrill, treasurer. The board of directors is composed of the above named officers and W. L. Hills, D. B. English, Jno. B. Baker.

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The State Committee of Y. M. C. A. met at Waco Thursday and Friday.

Texarkana authorities are making war on usurers and money sharks.

A. W. Grove, a M. K. & T. brakeman, had a foot severely mashed in the yards at Denison Thursday and may lose the member.

An oil excitement is brewing in Lamar County, near Chicota, where gas is abundant and traces of oil have been found in some wells.

J. V. Watkins is now closing up the details preliminary to the construction of the Corsicana-Palestine Interurban electric railway.

J. J. Hale, a prominent resident of Hunt County, was found dead Thursday night with his head blown off. The shotgun was fired by a string tied to the deceased's toe.

Dr. E. B. Blalock, of Woodlawn, Harrison County, who was a member of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, is a candidate for lieutenant-governor.

One of the truck growers of Laredo, who had about thirty acres planted to cabbage and cauliflower, reports that the freezing weather of the last week has ruined these plants.

A negro crap game in a box car at Tallys Switch, near Tyler, resulted in the fatal stabbing of one of the players. The man who did the stabbing escaped.

Over 25,000 bales of cotton were marketed from wagons at Abilene this season—a remarkable showing for a country that is not in the cotton raising business.

The first shipment of rails for the extension of the Beaumont, Sour Lake and Western was made from the steel mills Jan. 28, and will be received at Beaumont about Feb. 10.

The new gas plant for the chemical laboratory of Georgetown University is being installed and the physical laboratory also has received a shipment of new apparatus.

James Haynes has received notice that he has been re-appointed as collector of customs at Laredo.

On Wednesday the three-year-old child of W. J. Mockery, living near Granger, was so badly burned from catching fire from a burning trash pile, that it died Friday.

Col. Uviah Lott, promoter of the proposed Brownsville, Hidalgo and Northern road, states that preliminary survey will begin about Feb. 10, when two corps of engineers will be placed in the field.

The Big Sandy depot was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. The Texas and Pacific and Cotton Belt lost all their freight and baggage and records. The Pacific Express company lost everything on hand.

The surveying corps locating the proposed Texas, New Mexico and Pacific Railway, a line from McKinney to Denton, reached Prosper Friday, thus completing the survey between Denton and McKinney.

Chickasha has raised a subscription for the Washita Valley Interurban Electric Railway. About \$25,000 was subscribed and assurances given that \$35,000 more would be received. This subscription secures for Chickasha the division point of the proposed road.

F. P. Sargent, chief of the Bureau of Immigration, will probably visit Galveston next month to look into the matter of providing better accommodations for the immigrants that are brought to that port.

James Fetters, who came to Orange from Beaumont three months ago, and has since been in the employ of Geo. McDonald, the contractor and builder, as timekeeper and in other capacities, was arrested on two charges of forgery.

Hon. John M. Henderson, a lawyer of Daingerfield, has announced as a candidate for Representative from the Floridian district, composed of Morris, Titus and Red River Counties.

The 5-week-old infant of J. W. Shannon and wife, of Paris, died Friday from injuries received Tuesday. While the mother was out of the room, the infant's 27-month-old brother tried to pick it up from the bed and dropped it on the floor.

The State Treasurer has commenced to clip coupons from bonds held by the permanent school fund, which interest is due payable April 10. Inasmuch as something over \$75,000 in interest is due April 10.

Gen. Wheeler's Remains.

Laid to Rest in Arlington Cemetery with Tributes from Three Armies and a Nation.

New York, Jan. 29.—An imposing military pageant passing across Brooklyn Bridge, brief services at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Fifth Avenue, and an escort across the North River Ferry to Jersey City, where the body was placed on a train to be taken to Washington for interment in the National Cemetery at Arlington, marked the funeral in this city yesterday of Brigadier General Joseph Wheeler, cavalry leader of the Confederacy and later one of the most prominent figures among the generals of the Spanish-American War. The body of the dead soldier was wrapped in the flags under which he had served with almost equal valor and distinction—the Stars and Bars of the Confederate States and the Stars and Stripes. Veterans of the Southern and Northern armies mingled together today in paying tribute to Gen. Wheeler with the younger veterans of the Cuban and Philippine campaigns of 1898 and 1899. The route of the funeral cortege was lined with great crowds, most of whom stood with bared heads as the procession passed.

The funeral took place from the home of Gen. Wheeler's sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, in Brooklyn, where Gen. Wheeler died on Thursday of pneumonia. The body was borne from the house by eight non-commissioned officers of infantry and placed upon a flag-draped artillery caisson. Squadron C and a detail of the Second Battery of the artillery escorted the body and on the Manhattan side of the bridge the Seventy-First Regiment of the New York National Guard in full dress uniform was drawn up. The Seventy-First, commanded by Col. W. G. Bates, served under Gen. Wheeler in Cuba and was given the post of honor. Infantry from Governors Island, headquarters of the Department of the East, United States Army, also joined the procession on this side of the river.

From Brooklyn Bridge the line of march lay across town to Washington Square, and thence up Fifth Avenue from Eighth street to Fifty-Third street to St. Thomas Church.

A riderless horse with boots reversed in the stirrups and a cavalry sword dangling from the saddle was led just behind the caisson.

The church edifice was thronged. Seats had been reserved for members of the Southern Society, the Confederate Veterans' Association, the Society of the War of 1812, several other organizations and the friends of the family.

Reservations also had been made for the honorary callbearers, the staff of Gen. Frederick D. Grant, U. S. A., and the officers of the escort. The altar of the church was almost hidden beneath the floral offerings, one among them, a great wreath sent by President Roosevelt.

Wool Growers Oppose Tariff Reduction
Casper, Wyo.: Wyoming wool growers association adopted resolutions protesting against the leasing of public lands, opposing any reduction in the tariff on wool and hides, opposing the present charges for grazing stock and asking congress to create an annual industry emergency fund to further aid that branch of the government service.

Even a distant relative may be close in money matters.

Santa Fe into Waco.

Waco: It is understood that negotiations between the Santa Fe and Cotton Belt Railways regarding the running of trains of the former road into Waco from McGregor, twenty miles west on the Cotton Belt, are nearing consummation, and a definite announcement of the date of the first Santa Fe train is awaited with interest here. It is thought that the Santa Fe will build in soon.

Mexia's Waterworks Nearly Ready.

Mexia: The new waterworks company has blasted out the excavation for the concrete reservoir at its springs, and it seems they have struck a new and stronger stream which has increased the flow to more than 1,000,000 gallons of water daily. Nearly all the pipes have been received and are being put down. The new boiler and engine are expected and are guaranteed to pump over 75,000 gallons daily.

Baby in a Cracker Box.

Austin: Sometime during Saturday night, a baby was left in a cracker box in the front yard of Rev. L. I. Campbell, pastor of the Colored Baptist Church. The infant is small and a negro, Mexican or Syrian, though Campbell thinks it is a Mexican. It was bundled in plenty of good clothes and kept warm during its night's stay in the cracker box out in the cold and suffered no ill effects from the experience.

WHITE WINGED PEACE.

Hovers Over the Affairs of State and National Union.

Paris: A called meeting of the County Farmers' Union was held here Saturday afternoon with a large attendance. While the questions of acreage, co-operation in buying and a few other practical matters were discussed, one of the most important objects of the meeting was understood to be to determine the status of the National Farmers' Union, put on foot recently at Texarkana, and the relation of it and the Texas Farmers' Union to each other.

O. P. Pyle of Mineola, National President, and E. A. Calvin, State President, were on hand and participated in the deliberations. The meeting was behind closed doors and the press committee gave out nothing scarcely for publication; but after the meeting was over a member of the union expressed the belief that the differences would be amicably settled in a very short time.

He said that the whole trouble grew out of a misunderstanding, and stated that the Texas Farmers' Union would probably meet soon in State convention to settle the matter.

Whatever differences that may exist, he said, would not disrupt or impede the organization for an instant.

Public speaking was held at the court house Saturday night. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Pyle and Calvin.

The meeting was the largest and most enthusiastic that has been held since the county union was organized. The farmers to a man remained to hear the speaking, and many left for home over the muddy roads after 11 o'clock at night.

Oklahoma's Death Harvest.

Guthrie, Ok.: Two dead and three injured form casualty list in Oklahoma Friday. The dead: Newton McCart of Grant County, died from a horse's kick; a year-old daughter of Edward Ward, near Norman, burned to death. The injured: James Hawkins, aged 67, a rural mail carrier, fatally injured in a runaway, a broken bone piercing his right lung; Benjamin Huff of Quinlan, hand shot off in hunting accident; Frank Hudson of Duncan, shot through foot accidentally.

Brazos Valley's New Town.

Dallas: According to railroad plans, the little town of Brewer, in Freestone County, directly southeast of Mexia, is shortly to become one of more importance, as the Trinity and Brazos Valley divisions will radiate from this town to Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston. The name of the town is to be changed to Teague, taking the name of some old residents. A new bank with a capital stock of \$50,000 is already in process of formation in Brewer, in which President Baker and other gentlemen connected with the Brazos Valley plans are interested.

Ashooting Scrape Sunday evening

in the negro quarter, known as Oil Mill Hill, at Dublin, resulted in the instant death of Jake Taylor of Pittsburg, Texas. Ernest Hines is charged with the killing. He claims self-defense.

Shot Himself Through the Leg.

El Paso: Charles Davis, Jr., County Collector of El Paso, son of the Mayor of this city and who was nominated by the Democrats Saturday for the Legislature, accidentally shot himself Saturday night. While en route to a ranch near Tornillo, fifty miles east of this city, in El Paso County, Mr. Davis says that he was endeavoring to mount a horse when a six-shooter in his belt was discharged.

Destructive Prairie Fire.

Fort Worth: Detailed information from Lubbock County says five hundred sections were burned over in the recent prairie fire, which began in Crosby and burned through into Lynn, Garza and Lubbock. A. B. Robertson, R. C. Burns, Jack Alley and many others are heavy losers. A quarrel between connecting railways has resulted in a fuel famine and stock feed is being burned for fuel.

To Run Out the Rats.

Coshocton, O.: The spectacle of the entire town turning out to fight rats will be witnessed here. An association of Coshocton business men, divided in two bands, the line of division being the main business street, and for thirty days an old-fashioned rat hunt will be held. In the last six months the city has become literally alive with rats and the loss through them has been tremendous.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Controller J. W. Stephens has made formal announcement for renomination and re-election for controller.

The Bank of San Luis Obispo, the oldest institution of the kind in that city, has closed its doors by order of the bank commissioner.

According to advices a mutiny has again broken out at Vladivostok. No details are available, the censorship being operative over press and private telegrams.

Three hundred and eighty-two patents were issued to Texans during the year. Ninety-seven were obtained by residents of Oklahoma and thirty-six by those of Indian Territory.

It seems that the rumor that France had sent warships to Venezuela was premature, inasmuch as the cruisers alleged to have gone to Venezuela waters really went to Martinique.

Nathan Wesley Hale, a republican congressman from Tennessee, can claim descentance from Oliver Cromwell, and one of his ancestors, General Nathan Towson, was a quarter master general under George Washington.

Francis Murphy, who for thirty-four years has pleaded throughout the English speaking world for the cause of temperance, is dying in Southern California. He is 69 years of age, was born in Ireland and came to America when he was 16 years old.

Captain Berlin, a French army officer, who was attached to the Russian army during the late war, arrived in San Francisco last week, on his way home. He said the damage done to the city of Mukden had been exaggerated, and that there had been no serious destruction of property there.

Announcement has been made by Alvan F. Barrett of Chicago, that Innes' Orchestral Band will come to Dallas in the latter part of April for the purpose of giving a grand spring musical festival. Mr. Barrett has been in the city several days making preliminary arrangements.

The board of directors of the Waxahachie Chautauqua met in called session Friday and arranged attractions for the Chautauqua, which is to be held July 24 to Aug. 8. There were present Rev. J. C. McConnell of Ferris, Rev. J. C. Smith and O. H. Chapman of Waxahachie and Rev. W. B. Preston of Mesquite.

In a home two miles south of Thornedale, Pa., were born three sisters, who are still living and whose combined ages surpass those of all trios recently published. They are Mrs. Hannah Witmire, now of Philadelphia, aged 97; Miss Ester Steel, aged 88, and Miss Dorothy Steel, 86, a total of 271 years for the three sisters. The last two named reside in the house where they were born.

Thomas A. Edison is somewhat of a joker. A correspondent was looking over the inventor's laboratory when his eye was caught by a curious model. It looked like a cradle with some kind of telephone attachment. "What on earth is that?" inquired the visitor. "I hope to make my fortune of that invention," said Edison, gravely. "It is a motor to run by sound. You attach it to a cradle and the louder the baby cries the faster the cradle rocks."

District Attorney Jerome in the near future will move against officers of various insurance companies which were under investigation by the legislative committee. A special grand jury is to be called to consider the cases.

Since the snows have fallen wolves have become very troublesome in the Territory.

It is generally thought that the extra session will be called to meet about March 19.

Permanent organization has now been effected by the International Jewish League formed in San Francisco last month for the purpose of aiding Jewish communities in any part of the world in the attainment of civil and religious liberty.

Asked about the report that he would resign as insurance arbitrator, former President Cleveland said: "There is not a particle of truth in the report, nor any excuse for its circulation."

An agreement was reached at Muskogee between the Muskogee Commercial Club and the Midland Valley Railroad for the shops of the road to be located in Muskogee, and to remain there for a period of twenty-five years.

Two young men, Edward Rathburn and Edward Len of Verden, O. T., were fatally injured as the result of a duel fought in that town. Lane is severely cut about the head and face and Rathburn has stabs in his body.

Luke Benoit, aged 15, while out hunting near Church Point, La., accidentally shot and fatally wounded himself. Benoit dropped a cigarette from his mouth, and in trying to catch it, pulled the trigger of his gun, the lead taking effect in his neck.

THE ADMINISTRATION WINS

THE LOOKED FOR SPLIT NIT.

The Statehood Rules Are to Close Debate.

Washington, Jan. 25.—When the smoke of the liveliest legislative battle of the session had cleared in the House yesterday Speaker Cannon and his organization were in complete control and the joint statehood program of the administration had been adopted.

Forty-three Republican "insurgents" went down to defeat, having voted vainly with the Democrats to gain control of the rule, the terms of which are to govern the statehood bill in its passage through the House. The vote ordering the previous question on the rules was 192 to 165 votes. This clearly defeated the opposition, the full strength of which was polled and little interest was taken in the vote for the adoption of the rule, which immediately following this was carried by a majority of 30.

Previous to the vote the debate on the rule had proceeded under high tension. The speeches were short, but the words uttered were hot and full of sting. Every member who could be brought to the city by special summons was in his place, the galleries were packed and participated with evident rish in the succession of laughter and applause. The veterans, Payne, Dalzell and Grosvenor, upheld the organization. Pitted against them were the leaders of the insurgents, Babcock, Mondell and Jones of Washington. The humorous speech of the day was delivered by J. Adam Bede, who filled five minutes with an address that evoked applause and merriment. Mr. Tawney, one of the erstwhile insurgents, arose and announced his acquiescence in the will of the organization, and Mark Smith, the veteran Delegate from Arizona, just as sorrowfully interrupted this action as the "most unkind thrust of all."

The rule adopted provided that the bill granting statehood to Oklahoma and Indian Territory as "Oklahoma" and Arizona and New Mexico as "Arizona" should be debated until 3 o'clock tomorrow and then voted on without opportunity for amendment.

Fire at San Augustine.

San Augustine: Fire broke out Tuesday night in the middle of the block on the south side of Main street and destroyed five brick stores, including at least \$35,000 worth of merchandise, drugs, etc., besides buildings worth \$25,000. The principal losers in merchandise are John Lynch Mercantile Company, D. A. McDonald, drug store; Strippling & Burrows, drug store; B. I. Hawk, family groceries. The Vidette lost all its outfit. O. H. Polley & Co., damage by moving goods, and Frank Blount, hardware, by moving, considerable loss. About \$25,000 insurance.

Sad Affliction of a Family.

Paris: Eddie Sisse, 14 years old, son of Rev. J. O. Sisson, east of the city, died Tuesday afternoon of typhoid fever, making three deaths in the family from the disease. Three weeks ago a little son of Mrs. Jack Bradley, a married daughter of Mr. Sisson, contracted the disease and was moved to her father's to be nursed. His baby brother contracted the disease and died. The mother, Mrs. Bradley, and two of her brothers, Napoleon and Eddie, contracted the disease. Napoleon died last Saturday and Eddie has died. The recovery of Mrs. Bradley was pronounced hopeless Thursday.

Horrible and Mysterious Deed.

McKinney: The body of Jim Steel, aged twenty-five years, son of a merchant at New Hope, three and one-half miles east of McKinney, was found hanging in a barn near his father's home Wednesday morning. He had looped a bridle about his neck and tied the other end to a beam in the barn loft and had to draw up his knees in order to accomplish his purpose. Death resulted from strangulation.

Negro's Growsome Find.

Decatur, Ala.: Lying in a ditch in a lonely spot in the woods and partly covered with forest leaves, the horribly decomposed ghastly remains of Miss Martha Thompson, who has been missing since Christmas, was found by a negro while out hunting near Princeville. Several marks on the body gave evidence of foul play. Miss Thompson was a spinster, quite wealthy, and about fifty years of age.

Big Cotton Fire at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va.: The International Compress Company's cotton compress on Elizabeth River here, together with much stored cotton in the warehouses and sheds of Rogers, McCabe & Co., burned early today, and an intervening wall of oyster shells was the only thing that saved from destruction the property of the Norfolk Warehouse Association's ice plant and many more bales of cotton stored in adjoining warehouses.

FOR DEVELOPMENT.

Agricultural and Horticultural Interests at Somerville.

Somerville: An organization for the promotion and development of Somerville and the surrounding country has been formed. The meeting took place at the Bank of Somerville and was well represented by the business men of the city. The purpose of the association will be to bring in new capital for investment in farm land and city property; to establish new manufacturing enterprises, truck and fruit growing and poultry raising. It is believed that the natural conditions, as to soil and climate, are all that can be desired in this respect and an experiment station will be maintained where practical demonstrations will be made in growing all the products adapted to this section. Poultry raising will be given a prominent place in the work at hand. The company will offer prizes for the best exhibits in truck, fruit and poultry.

The company was organized by N. W. Dunham of Dallas, who is chairman of the committee on agriculture and horticulture appointed by the State Industrial Association.

A petty thief entered the office of Sheriff George W. Tilley at Waco, and took the overcoat of the sheriff while the office was vacant for a few minutes.

At a meeting of the Ross Memorial Association of Waco, it was decided to proceed at once to raise the \$15,000 needed to erect a statue in honor of this distinguished Confederate, honored citizen, and former governor of Texas.

Ray B. Woodlief, aged twenty years, an employe of the Tulane club, rose and, standing up in the presence of his pretty young wife, blew his brains out. The couple after a separation had just become reconciled.

A Mr. Helms is sick at his home in the extreme northwestern part of Hillsboro with smallpox, this being the first and only case developed in that city this year. The patient is understood not to be seriously ill and rigid quarantine regulations are maintained.

Congressman Stephens has received a large number of letters asking if he will be a candidate for re-election. He has stated that he would and that so far he had heard of no opposition.

Wm. Hudson, a farmer near Spangur, I. T., was shot and killed in difficulty with a neighbor. An arr was made. Particulars not known.

G. W. Thornton was found dead four miles south of Charley, Clay county. The side of his head was blown away with a shotgun. Assassination is believed, as his gun was standing against a tree several yards away.

The safe in the postoffice at New Ulm was blown open by burglars Friday night and all postoffice and money order funds taken. They gained entrance through the front door by picking the lock, drilled two holes in the safe door and blew it open with common black powder.

The 19-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. John Breaux, of Devers, was burned to death. The mother had placed the little fellow near the fireplace in a rocking chair and gone to the smokehouse to attend to some meat. When she returned she found her baby burned to a crisp.

Former Texan Buried in Snowdrift.

Sherman: A letter from Tacoma, Wash., to relatives in this city brings the intelligence that Arthur Welmar, who formerly lived in this county, lost his life in the latter part of December in a snowdrift which completely crushed and buried a small hut in which Welmar and two other companions had taken up quarters. They were prospecting in the mountains of British Columbia, where the fearful fate overtook them.

Mrs. W. G. Jewell, the wife of a tenant farmer, recently from Cherokee County, now living on the Sims farm, three miles north of Italy, gave birth to triplets recently. They are all girls, well developed and weigh about seven pounds each.

It is reported that the Farmers' Union will soon open a store in Aspermont under the name of the Union Supply Company. Definite information can not yet be obtained.

Bob Fitzsimmons, the pugilist, and his wife, bought a farm at West Dunellen, N. J. The farm was formerly the rural home of United States Senator Dryden of New Jersey.

John J. Cram, at one time one of the leading rifle shots in the country, is dead at Kennebec, Me., aged sixty-seven years. He was captain of the team which won the MacDonald trophy at the last national match at Creedmoor, L. I., range.

Hero Takes His Rest.

Gen. Joseph Wheeler Succumbs to Pneumonia After Six Days Sickness.

New York, Jan. 26.—Gen. Joseph Wheeler, the famous Confederate Cavalry leader and a Brigadier General in the United States Army since the war with Spain, died yesterday at 5:35 in the afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith in Brooklyn. The veteran of two wars was 69 years old, but in spite of his age there was hope until Wednesday of a recovery from an attack of pneumonia which caused his death.

Gen. Wheeler was taken ill six days ago at his sister's home, where he has been living recently. He contracted a severe cold, which developed into pleurisy and pneumonia. From the first, his age told against him, but the family did not give up hope until last night, when the disease was found to have affected both lungs.

Gen. Wheeler's immediate relatives were all with him. His daughters, Mrs. W. J. Harris and Misses Anne, Lucile and Carrie Wheeler, had been summoned from the South and arrived early in the week. His son, Major Joseph Wheeler, Jr., U. S. A., now stationed at West Point was also present, as well as Gen. Wheeler's sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, and her son.

The family were summoned to the bedside of the patient Wednesday night when the doctors in consultation concluded that the end was but a matter of hours. The General was then awake and conscious and his mind was apparently active. He seemed to know that death was approaching, and though too weak to speak he succeeded in giving signs of recognition and encouragement to his children.

Later the General sank into a peaceful slumber and at the request of the doctors, the family quietly withdrew from the sick man's bedside.

Gen. Wheeler was never again more than semi-conscious. He lingered until yesterday evening and passed quietly away.

SEEKING THE DEAD.

Fourteen Men Dead Through a Mine Explosion.

Poteau, I. T., Jan. 26.—The most disastrous mine explosion that has ever occurred in this section was that of Wednesday, when at 10 o'clock from some cause unknown a terrible explosion occurred at mine No. 6, Witteville, three miles from this place. As a result fourteen men are known to be dead.

Rescuers have been at work incessantly, and though handicapped by foul air, resulting in many of the heroic men being overcome, at 7:30 p. m. last night, all but two bodies of the unfortunate victims have been recovered.

The Witteville mines are operated by the Poteau Coal and Mercantile Company, and neither the company nor experienced miners can assign any reason for the explosion, as shots are fired in the mine at night by electricity.

Alex Lowrance, a brakeman on the Arkansas and Choctaw, with his home in Paris, lost both legs in an accident at Hope, Ark. He is a son of Conductor Lowrance of Paris. Lowrance has since died.

The committee has approved the claim of Mrs. Jane Lemaster, of Dallas, for \$2,600 losses on property during the Civil War.

Rejoicing in the Territory.

Guthrie, Ok.: Throughout the Territory there is great rejoicing over the passage of the statehood bill by the House. In Guthrie the people are celebrating the event, whistles sounding, bells ringing and bands playing. Thursday night a jollification was held. Governor Frantz, State Chairman Filson and others predict its certain passage by the Senate and already talk of the Constitutional convention is heard on all sides.

Victoria, B. C.: Though there was faint hope that incoming vessels might bring a few survivors of the steamer Valencia, which went ashore late Monday night and which broke up on the rocks Wednesday, there are only thirty-five survivors of the 154 persons who were on board. The known saved are twenty persons who were picked from a log raft by the steamer Topeka Thursday afternoon and the fifteen survivors who put off from the wreck.

Ready to Make Fur Fly.

Cleveland: At the conclusion of the afternoon hearing yesterday of the investigation into the Standard Oil Company's method of doing business, inaugurated by the State of Missouri, Attorney General Hadley of the latter State, who is conducting the examination of witnesses, declared that sufficient evidence had been produced during the day to warrant the bringing of criminal proceedings under the law of New York.

OKLAHOMA, ARIZONA, THE PROPOSED STATES.

The House Hurdles the Statehood Bill to the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The House passed the statehood bill, according to schedule today. The Republican opposition to the measure had spent its entire force and no effort was made to defeat the bill on its final passage, but 33 of the "insurgents" voting against the measure. The bill passed by the vote of 194 to 130.

The debate which preceded this vote began at 11 o'clock and was practically featureless so far as any hope was entertained in changing the measure in the slightest degree. The advocates of the measure placed in the record, through the medium of several speeches, the arguments which the joint statehood policy is founded on. Likewise opponents of joining Arizona and New Mexico, which embraced the entire opposition of the bill, produced their reasons for the record. Several of the "insurgents" made plain the ground of their opposition.

The bill as passed provides that Oklahoma and Indian Territory shall constitute one state under the name "Oklahoma," and that Arizona and New Mexico shall constitute one state under the name "Arizona."

Should the terms of admission be ratified by the residents of the Territories in question, their respective State Constitutions must contain clauses prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors and plural marriages.

The Constitution of Arizona must prohibit the sale of liquor to Indians forever and that of Oklahoma for twenty-one years.

There are many other stipulations governing schools, courts and political supervision of the new states.

Within exactly three minutes by the watch after the vote had been corrected the joint statehood bill was delivered to the Senate, and all records in this respect were broken. The desire to have in the Senate before that body adjourned and thus not give it the excuse of even one day for failure to pass the measure—if it should fail.

The probability is that it will not fail, but refuse to pass the bill. It was said by a Senator who is opposed to the jointure of New Mexico and Arizona that there are certainly fourteen and possibly twenty Republicans who will vote for the former amendment.

The Foraker amendment merely proposes that the people of Arizona and New Mexico shall be allowed to vote separately as to whether they care to come into the Union as a single State, and it is pretty certain that an overwhelming majority of the people of Arizona are opposed to joint statehood, the adoption of such a measure would be tantamount to the omnibus feature of the bill. If even fourteen Republican Senators should vote for this amendment, its adoption would be assured, for the Democrats will be unanimously in favor of it.

Thomas W. Dealey, after continuous service of thirty-six years, resigned his position as secretary of A. H. Belo & Co., publishers of the Galveston and Dallas News, having held that position for a third of a century.

Intelligence has been received of the death of Richard Cook, an engineer on the Intercollegiate Railway of Mexico in a head-on collision. Deceased was well known in railway circles in Texas.

Little Rock's claim for reimbursement for money spent during the recent yellow fever epidemic, amounting to \$5,000, has been allowed by Congress. Texas will file a similar claim for about \$100,000.

Patrick Kane of Lexington, Ky., died instantly of heart failure in a barber's chair in Houston Thursday. He had stopped while en route to California.

The Dallas cotton mills are now manufacturing a special kind of cloth which is used in the making of aluminum and are now shipping large quantities of the cloth to the aluminum works in East St. Louis, Ill.

The Independent Telephone Company, which was granted a franchise by the city of McKinney several months ago, has completed its line to the city, and contemplates putting in a first-class exchange at an early date.

In all probability Fort Worth will have another manufacturing enterprise built within the next few months. The prospective addition to the city will be a wire fence manufacturing concern.

SIX LIVES ARE LOST IN LOWELL HOTEL FIRE.

An Early Morning Fire Becomes Uncontrollable.

Lowell, Mass., Jan. 27.—At least six persons lost their lives in a fire which partly destroyed the Richardson Hotel, one of the leading public houses of this city, early this morning.

The fire started a few minutes before 2 o'clock and the flames rapidly communicated to other parts of the structure.

A large number of guests were in the hotel and those who were in the upper part of the building had little chance to escape by the stairways.

The firemen at 2:30 found the dead bodies of six women on the top floor of the hotel.

The Richardson Hotel is a moderate-sized structure of brick and is four stories in height with a flat roof, situated at the intersection of Middlesex and Dutton streets. The hotel was usually patronized by commercial travelers. When the firemen had reached the scene the flames had penetrated to several of the floors, and dense smoke was issuing from the windows.

The firemen and police rescued many guests, twenty or more of whom had been injured.

Gen. Cabell's Order.

Headquarters Trans-Mississippi Department United Confederate Veterans, Dallas, Tex., Jan. 26.—General Order No. 96: The Lieutenant General, commanding the Trans-Mississippi Department of United Confederate Veterans announces with great sorrow the death of Major Gen. Joseph Wheeler, who died at the home of his sister in Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1906, surrounded by his family and friends.

Gen. Wheeler was one of the most distinguished cavalry leaders during the war between the States. He was noted for his daring and his skill as a leader. He was appointed a Major General during the Spanish war and won great distinction at the battle of Santiago, Cuba. At the close of the war he was appointed Brigadier General in the United States Army, and placed on the retired list.

His name and fame will live until time is no more. This is not time or place to recount his many deeds of bravery.

The different divisions, brigades and camps throughout the Trans-Mississippi Department, U. C. V., will take memory of this distinguished soldier. By order of W. L. CABELL, Lieutenant General U. C. V., Trans-Mississippi Department; Official: MILTON PARK, Assistant Adjutant General.

The Youngest Confederate.

Fort Worth: John H. Smith of Nashville, Tenn., said to be the youngest man or boy who served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, was in the city Friday. At the age of 10, soon after the war broke out, Smith went to the front as a drummer boy for the Third Tennessee Regiment, commanded by Col. Brown, and throughout the four succeeding years of the struggle he played a conspicuous part. He beat the charge for his regiment at the battle of Shiloh, where men were killed around him, and at the battle of Stone River in 1862. During the same year at Chickamauga, while the fight was at the most severe stage, he dropped his drum and picking up the rifle of a dead comrade, took his place in the firing line.

A poultry show was held at Wills Point Saturday, and a county organization of poultrymen was formed.

Found Fatally Wounded.

Bremont: John Klos, a young married man, was found Thursday seven miles east of Bremont, mortally wounded, with a shotgun. Nothing is known of the shooting, but it is supposed to have been accidental, as he went hunting the day before he was found and failed to return in the evening. Search was instituted, finding him badly shot in the face, as though the gun had been discharged with the muzzle pointing up.

Big Colonization Plan.

Fort Worth: W. T. Wagoner, of DeCatur, has closed a deal with R. S. Allen and associates, of Houston, whereby the Wagoner colony lands situated in Wichita and Wilbarger Counties, consisting of about 40,000 acres, were acquired by Allen et al., the consideration being above half a million dollars. The land was bought by the organization for colonization purposes.

New Oil Field Found.

Houston: Information comes that a new oil field has been developed in Texas. It is on the Huntington mound, two miles from Pulehear, on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, and was drilled by Mr. Huntington and has a depth of 1,200 feet. It is reported as a flowing well with a capacity of several hundred barrels a day. The oil is said to be of a high grade and very valuable. It does not require the use of a pump.

TRACED TO EMPEROR TIBERIUS.

Originator of Remark About "Forty, Fool and Physician."

It would appear that the Emperor Tiberius was the originator of that well known saying: "Every man at forty is either a fool or a physician." But Tiberius said thirty, not forty, so Bacon informs us in his "History of Life and Death":

"Tiberius, though a drunkard and luxurious in his diet, was yet very careful of his diet and used to say that every one after thirty was either a fool or a physician."

Probably Bacon's authority was Tacitus ("Annals," book VI, chapter 46), who says of Tiberius that "He was wont to make sport of the physicians, and of people who after thirty needed others to tell them what was good or bad for them." In Tacitus, of course, the epigrammatic flavor is lost.

But why has popular usage altered the age from thirty to forty? Simply on account of the alliteration, so ear-catching to the popular ear. De Quincy, who quotes the modern phrase in his "Optim-Eater," dwells upon its alliterative value, and conjectures that our forefathers emphasized that alliteration by spelling physician with an F. Likely some of them did. The strange thing is that De Quincy seems to have been ignorant of the fact that the craze for alliteration had gone so far as to change the age in the proverb—Penn Steele in The Sunday Magazine.

Possessed of a Devil.

In a small town in one of the southern states a very good old minister of one of the churches of the town was presented with a pair of new breeches.

His old ones were not quite worn out, so the new ones were hung in an unfinished chamber to wear on state occasions. The occasion came, and the preacher donned his breeches, which in the meantime had been the abode of several hornets.

He entered the pulpit and began his three hour sermon. His "firstly" was a little uneasy, his "secondly" showed signs of a coming storm, his "thirdly" was a regular cake walk and before his "fourthly" was finished he said: "Brethren, I am awfully sorry, but I can't finish this sermon. You'll have to excuse me. The word of God is in my mouth, but the devil's in these breeches."—Washington Times.

Stumped the Judge.

"One of the most peculiar defenses and at the same time one of the worst comparisons I ever heard was when I first ascended the bench," said Judge Cabaniss. "A man was up before me for beating his wife, and, as usual, I asked him what he had to say before I passed sentence upon him. He said: 'Say, judge, you're a married man, ain't you? Well, suppose you was enjoying your dinner and feelin' pretty good and suddenly your wife came up, and after telling you of all the fellers she could have instead of you, started chucking the dishes at you and ended by telling you that she could make a better man than you out of a piece of coal and an old hat and not half try—say, judge, what would you do?'

"I couldn't very well tell him," concluded the judge, "so I simply had to discharge him with a warning."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Brevity the Soul of Ghosts.

"Here's the shortest ghost-story in the world," said the red-nosed man, who now, with the coffee, broke silence for the first time at the dinner. "Two men were traveling from Boston to New York; strangers, but sharing between them the smoking compartment. After a bit, one laid by his magazine and said: 'Seems a bit jolly right here.' 'Yes,' replied the other, 'I was killed just here three years ago.'"

"Shortest in the world, did you say?" remarked some one at the other end of the table. "But here's a shorter. A lonely old bachelor waking up late at night, reached out his hand for the matches, and they were handed to him."

Then the host nodded to the butler.—The Sunday Magazine.

Slow Horses.

It was during mess hour at a saw-mill camp that the slowness of horses came up for discussion. "There's Kelly's old gray," you couldn't whip her into a trot," said one. "Johnson's black mare will beat that; she refuses to help herself to the barley at night, for most times she isn't through eating her dinner," said another.

"Old Water's spindie-shank takes the prize," put in a third; "she's double-jointed in the knees—she walks both ways at once."

"I stood out on the road," drolled Shepard, coming in late for his dinner, "for twenty minutes talking to Myers; and all that time his bay mare never stopped."—San Francisco Chronicle.

"One More River."

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Des a life er loss,
Always one mo' river
Fer de traveler ter cross!
But when you reach de river
What fur fum sun en star,
How you gwine ter make it
In de shadders round you dar?

Er de ferryman has hef you,
En cross de river's foam
It's hives ferret ter twinkle
De bells ter ring you home,
Des tell it ter yo' sorrow,
"De birds will fin' his nest"
De hill was high de valley
In de sweets place ter rest.
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"I felt sure that it meant my death warrant, and was very disheartened. I spent hundreds of dollars in doctoring, but the tumor kept growing, till the doctor said that nothing but an operation would save me. Fortunately I corresponded with my aunt in one of the New England States, who advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound before submitting to an operation, and I at once started taking a regular treatment, finding to my great relief that my general health began to improve, and after three months I noticed that the tumor had reduced in size. I kept on taking the Compound, and in ten months it had entirely disappeared, without an operation, and using no medicine but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and words fail to express how grateful I am for the good it has done me."—Miss Luella Adams, Colman's Hotel, Seattle, Wash.

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When Haskell and Morgan Jones have completed that western branch of the Wichita Valley, do you reckon that they will allow E. P. S. and we Stamford folks to ride?—Stamford Tribune.

Certainly, brother—fare only three cents a mile.

"If you desire to promote your private business, you must assist public enterprises," says the Cleburne Enterprise, and there is more in the proposition than many business men seem to think there is.

An item from McKinney to the News states that three cars of cross-ties arrived there on Friday last for the Texas, New Mexico & Pacific Railroad, which is planned to run from McKinney to New Mexico. The item concludes with this statement: "This road will cross somewhere between Munday and Stamford, possibly at Haskell."

Dallas is making big plans to entertain the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, which is to hold its annual convention there March 19, 20 and 21. At a meeting of business men held there last Saturday it was decided to raise from six to ten thousand dollars with which to take care of the convention, and committees were appointed on entertainment, finance, reception, hotels, illumination and decoration, badges and souvenirs, music and program.

Newspaper readers will remember that about a year and a half ago the "Gen. Slocum," an excursion boat going up the river from New York, burned and about one thousand excursionists, men, women and children lost their lives by fire and water. It was charged at the time that the vessel was in an unfit condition and was not properly equipped with life-saving apparatus. The captain of the boat was tried a few days ago, convicted of criminal negligence and given ten years in the penitentiary.

It seems that the senate inquiry has forced Secretary Taft to admit that the arrangement made by the administration with New York bankers to maintain the parity of Panama's coins with our own was without authority of law and, hence, was an unlawful intrenchment by the executive branch of the government upon the prerogative of the legislative branch. That action, however, was only a small instance among many larger infractions of both statute and organic law of which the present administration has been guilty in its effort to centralize power in the hands of one man at Washington.

We publish in this issue a news article from Washington in which is given an address issued to the country at large by the National Publicity Bill Organization which is endeavoring to secure national and state legislation requiring corporations and individuals to make public statement under oath of all contributions to campaign funds.

The movement, if successful, will go far toward securing cleaner and fairer elections and eliminating from congress and state legislatures some of the paid agents of the trusts and monopolies, hence, it should have the full support and influence of every citizen without regard to politics.

A late news item referred to the growing importance of the

port of Galveston and stated that within a week nearly a million bushels of corn had left there for foreign ports. Incidentally the amount of cargo carried by some of the ships was mentioned, and the figures are almost startling to the land lubber, who has little conception of the capacity of the leviathans that carry the commerce of the world. For instance, one ship clearing for Belfast carried 85,714 bushels of corn and 20,000 bales of cotton. Think what a pile twenty thousand bales of cotton, even when compressed to half the usual size, would make and you begin to get an idea of the sea monsters—then add the eighty-five thousand bushels of corn.

The FREE PRESS believes that the lumber mills of Texas are in a gigantic trust. We think enough came out in one way or another during the late railroad commission hearing on the question of lumber rates to warrant the above conclusion and to require the attorney general of the state to set up an investigation. There is perhaps no commodity or article which could be made the subject of a combination to control its production and price which would work so great a hardship on so large a number of people. This is particularly true in this section and, in fact in all of western Texas, where a great deal of building and improvement requiring the use of lumber is going on. If a lumber trust is in operation our law officers owe it to the people to see if there is any virtue in our anti-trust law.

Congressman Gillespie made a ten strike Monday when he caught the republicans napping and succeeded in putting through resolutions calling on the President for action in regard to certain railroad combinations, facts concerning which are said to be in possession of the interstate commission but upon which the administration has taken no action. This resolution will bring the administration to a showdown and go a long way in determining Mr. Roosevelt's real position in regard to combinations and trusts. He has talked a good deal but so far his actions, or lack of action, has left a good deal of doubt as to his sincerity or nerve in the minds of those that have kept track of the trend of such matters.

Incidentally, also, it is noted that the Washington correspondent lays a good deal of stress on the idea or assumption that the vote by which Representative Gillespie got his resolution though was largely influenced by the fact that the railroads have cut off the free passes which they have been in the habit of issuing congressmen for years past. This phase of the matter will be particularly interesting to Texas voters from the fact that the pass question is an issue in this state.

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for a useful and successful life; there is much satisfaction and solace to be derived from it by any one, but our contention is that, where only a limited amount of education is possible, it should be directed on more practical lines than our present school system and equipment admit of. We believe that a more practical system is coming within a very few years and that teachers who prepare for it will be the ones who will find their services in demand.

A COTTON MILL FOR HASKELL.

A prominent farmer of this county said the other day to the editor that Haskell ought to go to work and secure the establishment of a cotton mill here. He thought the cotton production of this immediate section now and in the near future fully justified such a movement and that, with a railroad, Haskell was for several reasons the best place in this part of the state at which to locate a cotton mill. He referred particularly to our abundant and inexhaustible supply of good water as a great advantage over any other town in this part of the state.

When reminded that it requires a good deal of money to put a cotton mill in operation he said he knew that, but that it would be worth a good deal to the town and to the country and it looked to him like the town could afford to strain a point to get such an enterprise, and that if it would do its part in the matter, he was sure the farmers would take hold of it—take stock—and do a good part by it.

Mr. M. A. Clifton is the gentleman referred to and, being prominent in Farmers' Union circles, he would be a valuable ally were the enterprise undertaken. While at first thought the proposition may look too large for a town the size of Haskell to

New Goods

Believing that the ladies would appreciate having the goods for their spring wear in ample time to make them up ready for wear before spring opens, I have just received a new and choice line of spring patterns in

Prints, Gingham, Zephyrs AND SOME OF THE Latest Dress Novelties.

I have also replenished my general stock in all broken lines, so that you can find about all you want at my store even this early in the season.

S. L. ROBERTSON.

undertake, it would not be so, perhaps, with the aid of the country as suggested by Mr. Clifton. There are a good many farmers throughout the county who could subscribe for stock on a cash basis and many more who could pledge a certain amount of cotton on stock subscriptions, and it is more than probable that with a good per centage of the stock taken at home outside parties could be induced to take hold and complete the enterprise. The FREE PRESS believes the matter is sufficiently promising to warrant investigation. For several reasons it would be a great big thing for the town.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

The school fund of Texas is a field for grafting. There are hundreds of teachers (?) drawing salaries who give nothing but "time," and are as incapable of imparting information or teaching the youth of the land as a Kiowa chieftain.—McGregor Mirror. There is doubtless some grafting. If one will look at his tax receipts he will find how much he has to pay for schools. They are necessary, and the State and counties should aid them to the fullest extent, but, lately, getting more money for them appears to be the chief end of many people. In the towns and cities the cry is continually for more school money, more school-houses, more school teachers and more school books. State Press may be accounted somewhat old fogyish, but, in comparing the people of two generations, he does not see that the latter, with all their advantages in the matter of unlimited school facilities, is any better educated or any happier than the last generation. At all events, the price paid should secure teachers who have something more than time to give in return.—Dallas News.

We are not prepared to agree with the charge of graft in connection with the school fund nor with the idea that too much money is being spent on the public schools, but we do agree that there is too much incompetency and inefficiency on the part of persons in charge of many of the schools, misnamed teachers. There are hundreds of immat-

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ure, untrained persons teaching in the schools throughout the state whose conception of school teaching is the assignment of lessons, the hearing of recitations and asking a few set questions from the text books without a thought of fixing the pupils attention and interest by injecting an apt remark or illustration here and there to show him the practical application of what he is studying. Teaching is a temporary expedient with most of the teachers of this class, and so much per month is the end of their interest. The money paid them and the time spent with them by the children is almost wasted. The true teacher has a high and noble calling and much responsibility rests upon him or her in that he has much to do in shaping the character, directing the thought and influencing the political complexion of the rising generation.

There are of course many good teachers in the state, but a good teacher in one school doesn't help the school that has a poor one, hence there should be no poor ones. But there will be poor ones until our school laws are so reconstructed as to require and provide for better preparation and training of teachers. This is a matter which should engage the attention of the press and of individuals who have the influence to bring about a better condition in our educational system.

Afraid Of Strong Medicines.
Many people suffer for years from rheumatic pains, and prefer to do so, rather than take the strong medicines usually given for rheumatism, not knowing that quick relief from pain may be had simply by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm and without taking any medicine at all. For sale at Terrell's Drug Store.

Locals and Personals.

Linoleum at Cason, Cox & Co's.

Mr. Jacob Hemphill was doing business in town yesterday.

Fresh fruits and candies at Ballew Bros.

Do it now, list your land with the Haskell Real Estate Co.

Mr. Burwell Cox has ordered the Free Press sent to a friend in Arkansas.

Mr. A. C. Sherrick returned Thursday from a prospecting trip in the plains country.

Go to the east side restaurant, and get a cooked, juicy, roast for dinner.

Capt. R. F. Hunter of Weatherford visited his daughter, Mrs. T. G. Carney, at Carney this week.

"Ever at it" is the winning characteristic of the Haskell Real Estate Co.

Mr. J. L. Baldwin received word that his father was seriously ill and he left yesterday morning for Fannin county to visit him.

A \$2,500 shipment of Hamilton-Brown shoes and slippers just opened up at Alexander Mercantile Co's store.

O. E. Patterson is always doing business. List your city and country property with him if you want it sold.

Mr. R. H. Darnell, one of the prosperous farmers of the south side, was in town Monday and set his subscription account forward.

Figs, dates, currants, raisins, citron, shredded coconut, orange peel, flavoring and brown sugar for cakes, all at Williams'.

I have a party that wants a large tract of land for a colony, what have you to offer? O. E. Patterson.

Mr. J. J. Sharp of the west side was doing business in this city Thursday.

Mr. Cecil Keonce of Stamford was in Haskell this week.

Ask the Rail Road people who brings the most prospectors to this country, and they will tell you T. C. Cahill, traveling agent for the Haskell Real Estate Co.

Mr. J. W. Wheeler of the east side was in Thursday and had his name entered as a reader of the FREE PRESS.

Mr. Earnest Sutherland went to Dallas this week and purchased an up-to-date outfit for his barber shop.

If you don't want the sills to rot under your house while building get Wyche to build it. He gets there on time.

A large line of Red Seal gingham just received by Alexander Mercantile Co.

If you have about gotten all your accounts settled with George and Alex. Sam, Peter and Paul, you might let Terrell have something, if nothing but a kick.

O. E. Patterson, the real estate man, has a branch office in Taylor, (Williamson county,) and connecting offices at Stamford, Munday and Seymour, drop in at The Farmers' National bank and see him about your land.

Capt. W. A. Craddock returned a few days ago from a trip to the eastern part of the state.

Mr. J. H. Short was in town Thursday and renewed his subscription to the FREE PRESS.

"Hello Stranger, who got you to come to this country?" Stranger, "Mr. Cahill of course, He is representing the Haskell Real Estate Company. His firm is advertising all over the east."

Mr. Carroll Gibson who has been employed at the Terrell drug store for some time went to Aspermont this week to take a position in a drug store.

Mr. C. H. Burton, The Sagerton real estate man, was in Haskell yesterday.

Inquire from men who know, what firm sells the most land and they will tell you the Haskell Real Estate Co. Then it is up to you. Who has your land listed?

A gold watch fob with bangle attached and having the initials T. M. S. engraved on it was lost in or near Haskell several days ago. Finder please bring to or notify this office. Suitable reward offered.

The time has arrived when Terrell needs the money you owe him. Call in and settle up and help us to help you.

The attention of our customers is called to the advanced styles of embroideries just received by Alexander Mercantile Co.

We close deals while other agents sleep. See our light in Post Office building at night. Haskell Real Estate Co.

We will run our gin, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of next week. And the week following, we will gin, Wednesday and Saturday.

Earnest & Sanders.

Mr. G. F. Alexander left this week for St. Louis and Chicago to purchase the spring stock for the Alexander Mercantile Co's houses at this place and Munday.

We are selling as much land as any concern in Haskell County. We have the best line of co-operative real-estate men in Middle Texas and can give you the best service. List with us for quick business. Loans made in 8 to 20 days. Yours for a square deal, WEST TEXAS DEVELOPMENT CO., North Side Square.

We have leased the Parsons barber shop and moved to the west side of the square, where we have fitted up an up-to-date tonsorial parlor, and will be pleased to have our old patrons and any number of new ones call. Sutherland & Maudlin.

The commissioners court will meet in regular session on Monday, 12 inst.

Mr. W. B. Wood of the south side was in Monday and subscribed for the FREE PRESS for his father in Ellis county.

Our main office is in the Post Office building. We have branch Offices with live agents in Temple, Houston, Taylor, Waco, Hubbard City, White-wright, Rosebud, Gateville, Belton and Mart, and we are placing agents throughout other sections of the state. Haskell Real Estate Co.

Masters Almer and Cayce Scott, sons of Mr. W. H. Scott of the west side, called at the FREE PRESS office Wednesday and cashed up Mr. Scott's subscription account.

Mr. C. M. Hunt left this week for Dallas and Chicago to purchase the spring stock for his firm.

Haskell Real Estate Co. is the only firm in Haskell that has a traveling representative giving his entire time placing agents and soliciting buyers.

When you come to town call at Williams' store and get warm and buy your groceries and be pleased.

When you come to town go over and see O. E. Patterson at The Farmers National Bank and get the latest news about land.

Messrs Cason, Cox & Co. have commenced the erection of a large warehouse on the south side.

Sheriff Collins informs us that 1158 poll taxes were paid up to Wednesday night and that something over two hundred and fifty are unpaid.

If you want city or country property, see O. E. Patterson at The Farmers National Bank; get his prices before you buy.

Mr. Caleb Terrell returned from Baird this week to remain permanently in Haskell.

If you want a home or a place to build one, see the Haskell Real Estate Company.

Our old friend A. B. Carothers was in town Wednesday and informed us that he was opening up a real estate office at Rule, and placed an order with us for stationery.

You will find the best shoes that are sold in West Texas, at the Stamford Dry Goods Co's.

Mr. John Carothers has resigned his position with Messrs. Foster & Jones and accepted a position as book-keeper with Alexander Mercantile Co.

It was through the efforts of T. C. Cahill, Haskell Real Estate Co's traveling agent, that so many Bell county men were brought to this country.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Halse of Stamford visited the family of Mr. H. S. Wilson this week.

When you see O. E. Patterson on the street, stop him and see what he has in real estate and, if you want to sell, list with him; he does the business.

Mr. B. V. Arnold, a traveling representative of Texas Farm and Ranch, spent several days here this week making subscriptions to that excellent journal.

If you want an up-to-date house get Wyche to build it.

Mr. E. W. Tittle, the life insurance man, added his name to our subscription list this week.

With agents throughout the eastern counties, the Haskell Real Estate Co. has buyers coming all the time. You don't need to wait for a crowd to come to sell your land, list it with this hustling firm and they will sell it while the other fellow is waiting.

Lanier & Ragsdale have purchased and resurrected the Carney Pioneer. Their first issue of the paper was received a few days ago and, while they apologized for its appearance on the ground that they are new at the business and got the paper out under difficulties, it was a very creditable effort—for a first shot, at any rate. They promise better for the future and have our best wishes for their success.

I have some men that want small improved farms. What have you that you want sold? List it with me, O. E. Patterson at Farmers National Bank.

No. 4574

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
Of the Haskell National Bank at Haskell, in the State of Texas, at the close of Business Jan. 29th, 1906.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$120,407.94
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	25,836.75
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	9,669.49
Other real estate owned	4,416.48
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	49,584.08
Due from State Banks and Bankers	3,788.10
Due from approved reserve agents	94,978.41
Checks and other cash items	7,734.58
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	49.35
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	8,940.00
Legal-tender notes	5,235.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	1,250.00
TOTAL	355,732.49

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	60,000.00
Surplus fund	12,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	10,118.97
National Bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to other National Banks	5,339.41
Due to State Banks and Bankers	94.05
Individual Deposits subject to check	337,245.51
Time certificates of deposit	4,819.55
Cashier's checks outstanding	35.00
TOTAL	853,732.49

State of Texas, County of Haskell, ss:
I, G. R. Couch, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
G. R. Couch, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of Feb., 1906.
H. S. Wilson, Notary Public.

CORRECT ATTEST:
S. W. Scott
Directors
M. Pierson
F. M. Morton

No. 7885

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The Farmers National Bank, at Haskell, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, January 29th, 1906.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$1,748.05
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,443.24
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	471.05
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures (not reserve agents)	2,500.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	14,055.85
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1,845.96
Due from approved reserve agents	50,550.33
Checks and other cash items	273.21
Notes of other National Banks	1,051.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	6.40
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, viz:	
Specie	2,702.00
Legal-tender notes	1,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	105,832.49

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	25,000.00
Surplus fund	250.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	245.83
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Individual deposits subject to check	67,461.66
Time certificates of deposit	225.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	150.00
Total	105,832.49

State of Texas, County of Haskell, ss:
I, R. C. Montgomery, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
R. C. MONTGOMERY, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of Feb., 1906.
H. S. Wilson, Notary Public.

CORRECT ATTEST:
B. F. McCollum
Directors
H. E. Post
T. L. Montgomery

The A. Q. Bateman Grocery Co., Stamford, Texas, want your trade this year, either for cash or on account. They make wholesale prices to big buyers and are prepared in every way to extend every accommodation consistent with good business. See them before making arrangements elsewhere.

BERRY PLANTS especially adapted for this country at \$3.00 per hundred, or \$25.00 per thousand. Make two to four gallons to the plant. Write, J. W. McCullough, Wylie, Tex.

Mr. M. E. Park announces in the Free Press this week as a candidate for sheriff and tax collector of Haskell county and is thereby the first candidate regularly in the field for a county office. Mr. Park made a good race for the office in the primary election in 1904 and says his motto is "if you don't succeed at first, try again," hence he again asks the voters of the county for their support at the polls, making his announcement subject to the democratic primary.

Mr. Park has been a citizen of this county for a good many years, hence needs no introduction to the old settlers, but to the many new ones we will say that his conduct has ever been that of a good and lawabiding citizen and he possesses the esteem and confidence of all who know him for his integrity and upright dealing. He has been chiefly engaged in farming and mechanical work and is strictly honest and strictly sober.

Speaking of his qualifications for the position he remarked that, like any other man who has not held the office, he is not familiar with the details of the work, but if elected he would give them his entire attention until he learned them, which he thought he could do in a very reasonable time. Being a man of average education and good intelligence, we see no reason why he should not do so and fill the office creditably. We commend him to your consideration.

Some Things We Sell

This cut represents the

Sorosis Skirt

which are the latest and most stylish article now worn. We have them in various materials and grades and are selling them at prices you can afford to pay.

We also have a full line of the celebrated

F. P. Corsets,

which are most comfortable, most popular and most stylish corset now on the market. Full assortment of styles and sizes for ladies, misses and children.

Call in and see what we have in stock.

HAMILTON-BROWN SHOE CO'S

PICNIC LACE.

We have a new and full stock of

Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co's.

shoes in various styles and grades. For you to know that our shoes are the best, it is only necessary for us to say that they are the Hamilton-Brown make.

ALEXANDER MERCANTILE COMPANY.

AT THE RACKET STORE

Wall Paper

House builders and paper hangers should see our stock and samples. We'll interest you when it comes to wall paper.

VALENTINES

Here we interest the young folks. Feb. 14th is the day. Send him or her a valentine—we have some pretty ones.

SUITS TO ORDER

It's about time to place an order for your spring suit. We have an up-to-date line of samples from a leading tailoring house; call and see them and let us take your measure and place your order.

OUR GENERAL STOCK

Contains many things used daily in every household and we will interest you in the matter of prices

RACKET STORE.

When looking 'round for the best place to trade during the year 1906, call on the Stamford Dry Goods Co.—they sell the best goods for the least possible price.

Messrs Furnace & Lamkin have fitted up a first-class shop fronting the post office and have placed an ad in the Free Press.

Haskell is beginning to get a move on—wash her hump herself.

Mr. A. P. Baily of the Pinkerton neighborhood was in town yesterday and said there was still some cotton to pick in his neighborhood. He said he had only about one bale to pick and that his crop had turned out a little over half a bale per acre. He favored us with a cash-up on subscription.

Don't forget that next Monday is First Monday Sales day.

Mr. W. P. Parish of the Cliff country was in town Friday. He told us cotton picking was still in progress in his section. He thinks the farmers ought to cut the acreage down fully 25 per cent this year but said he was afraid they would do just the reverse and be the losers by it. He said he and his son had 50 acres in last year and if they got it all packed the yield will be about one-half bale per acre.

President Montgomery of the commercial club wishes us to remind the members that next Tuesday night is the date for the regular monthly meeting. He also suggested that we are not members join the club.

The Best Physic.

When you want a physic that is mild and gentle, easy to take and certain to act, always use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale at Terrell's Drug Store.

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CERTIFICATE OF PURITY



This is to Certify that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, is purely vegetable and does not contain any calomel, mercury, creosote, morphine, opium, strychnine, cocaine, nitrate potash (salt-petre), bromide potassium, narcotic alkaloid, whiskey, wine or any harmful or habit producing drugs. Swamp-Root was discovered through scientific research and study by Dr. Kilmer, who graduated with honors and is now actively engaged in the practice of his profession, which calling he has successfully followed many years.

Jonas M. Kilmer, senior member of the firm of Dr. Kilmer & Co., of the City of Binghamton, County of Broome, State of New York, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the guarantee of purity of Swamp-Root, as described in the foregoing certificate, is in all respects true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me April 28, 1898.

Jonas M. Kilmer

James S. Hancock
Notary Public



Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything, but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble, it will be found just the remedy you need. Swamp-Root makes friends. Each bottle contains the same standard of purity, strength and excellence. You may have a sample bottle of Swamp-Root free by mail, if you have not already had one. When writing to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure to mention reading this generous offer in this paper. If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles at drug stores everywhere. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Rare French Honor.
M. Casimir Perier, who resigned the French presidency, has just received a rare decoration, the gold medal of the Assistance Public, which is vastly more rare than the Legion of Honor has become in these later times. M. Loubet is one of the few living recipients. Since his withdrawal from politics into private life, M. Casimir Perier has devoted himself with great energy and devotion and almost exclusively to works of benevolence, and the gold medal conferred upon him is a tribute richly earned by years of work and example.

FACIAL PARALYSIS
Nervous Distortion of Face Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.
What appears to be a slight nervous attack may be the forerunner of a severe disorder. No nervous sufferer should neglect the warning symptoms, but should see that the starved nerves are nourished before the injury to the delicate organism has gone to an extent that renders a cure a difficult matter. The nerves receive their nourishment through the blood, the same as every other part of the body, and the best nerve tonic and food is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The experience of Mr. Harry Bemis, of Truthville, Washington county, N. Y., substantiates this.

"I had been feeling badly for a long time," said Mr. Bemis, "and in the early part of September, 1902, I was compelled to quit work on account of my ill health. My trouble was at first extreme nervousness, then my sight became affected and I consulted an oculist who said I was suffering from paralysis. He treated me for some time, but I got no benefit. I tried another doctor and again failed to obtain any relief. My nervousness increased. Slight noises would almost make me wild. My mouth was drawn so I could scarcely eat and one eye was affected so I could hardly see. I had very little use of my limbs, in fact I was almost a complete wreck. I am all right now and am at work. That is because I followed my wife's advice and took Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She had used the same remedy herself with the most gratifying results and she persuaded me to try them when it appeared that the doctors were unable to help me. They acted very surely in my case; my face came back into shape and in time I was entirely well."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists or by mail by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y. A booklet on Nervous Disorders sent free on request.

He who is himself deceived cannot help deceiving others.
It's Dangerous
to neglect a cold; the results are too often very serious. Bronchitis, pleurisy, pneumonia and consumption are frequently the consequences. Upon the appearance of a cold sore throat or chest use Simmons' Cough Syrup. It soothes the irritation, loosens the phlegm and promptly cures you.

The man who stakes his happiness on a maid always makes a mistake.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. A bottle.

The good wife who is able to retain her hold on her husband's affections doesn't have to worry when he gets his hair cut.

The up-to-date girl never wastes her time blushing in the dark.
"We Have Many Similar."
The following is an extract from a letter received from Mr. H. H. Meyers of Stuttgart, Ark.: "You would greatly oblige me if you would introduce Hunt's Lighting Oil at Milledgeville, Ill., as I have many friends and relatives there, in whom I am much concerned, and I understand the Oil is not kept there. I can recommend it as the best medicine I ever had in my house. It cured me of a bad case of the bloody flux in less than one-half an hour, and it cured my granddaughter of a bad case of cholera morbus in a very short time."

A life is to be known by its outgo rather than by its outcome.
Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen's Nature's great remedy—Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup and Consumption, and all throat and lung troubles. At druggists, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle.
A woman's maiden aim is to change her maiden name.
Worth Knowing
—that Alcock's are the original and only genuine porous plasters; all other so-called porous plasters are imitations.

Secretary Taft's Horse.
Secretary Taft, who is hard at work reducing his great weight, devotes a good deal of time to equestrian exercise, which he finds of much value. The horse he rides has been described as "a large, square Percheron, built on dry goods box lines and looking as though he might easily carry half a ton."

Americans in Favor.
The most favored man in the kingdom of Siam is an American named Strobel. He is the king's counsel, and his majesty takes no important step without consulting Mr. Strobel. Americans are in particularly high favor in that quaint country, anyway, for the reason that the United States government returned to China a large portion of the indemnity awarded it for damages arising out of the Boxer troubles. This is the first time on record that a white race was ever known to give back anything taken from a yellow one, and such unlooked-for magnanimity has given the Yankees a position that no European enjoys.



Israel Zangwill, pugilist. Israel Zangwill has now taken up boxing and is said to be fast developing into an expert. He was advised to learn the art by his physician, who thought he needed the exercise.

Girls should not be discouraged because they can't embroider. There's always a much greater demand for plain sewing.
No chromos or cheap premiums, but a better quality and one-third more of Defiance Starch for the same price of other starches.

When a girl really gets indignant for kissing a man against her will it is a sign some one was looking.
Cures Blood, Skin Troubles, Cancer, Blood Poison, Greatest Blood Purifier Free.
If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humors, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, rashes and lumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pain, catarrh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) according to directions. Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop, the blood is made pure and rich, leaving the skin free from every eruption, and giving the rich glow of perfect health to the skin. At the same time, B. B. B. improves the digestion, cures dyspepsia, strengthens weak kidneys. Just the medicine for old people, as it gives them new, vigorous blood. Druggists, 25c per large bottle, with directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special free medical advice also sent in sealed letter. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases of impure blood and skin disease, and cures after all else fails.

You haven't a friend that you cannot find ten faults in and you haven't a friend that cannot find twenty faults in you. That neither of you finds these faults proves the friendship.

DOCTOR CURED OF ECZEMA.
Maryland Physician Cures Himself—Dr. Fisher Says: "Cuticura Remedies Possess True Merit."
"My face was afflicted with eczema in the year 1897. I used the Cuticura Remedies, and was entirely cured. I am a practicing physician, and very often prescribe Cuticura Resolvent and Cuticura Soap in cases of eczema, and they have cured where other formulas have failed. I am not in the habit of endorsing patent medicines, but when I find remedies possessing true merit, such as the Cuticura Remedies do, I am broad-minded enough to proclaim their virtues to the world. I have been practicing medicine for sixteen years, and must say I find your Remedies A No. 1. You are at liberty to publish this letter. G. M. Fisher, M. D., Big Pool, Md., May 24, 1905."

Prince Louis is No Butcher.
It is said that Prince Louis Napoleon, now in the Russian service as governor general of the Caucasus, recently objected to having soldiers fire on unarmed mobs of workmen. It is hinted also that more than one Russian grand duke has resigned his commission through fear of being ordered to quell disturbances in the old orthodox style.

Israel Zangwill, pugilist. Israel Zangwill has now taken up boxing and is said to be fast developing into an expert. He was advised to learn the art by his physician, who thought he needed the exercise.

Environment
Oh! bull, you pawed de dus' ontill
Hit settled on yo' back;
You beltered 'cross de grassy hill.
En yurim's clared yo' track.
You hook' de clayroot 'n' so 't was raid.
'N' you could n' stan' fer dat.
You had big notions in yo' haid;
'T was spring, en you was fat.
But now yo' back's bowed, en yo' ha'r
'S a-standin' up on sea';
Hit a daid grass, daid grass uvvywhar,
But not a tussick green.
You disremembers how you run
When I went after you;
En how I sweated in de sun,
En how you natchly flew.
Oh, you kin stan', behin' dat stack
En nibble at de straw;
But 't ain't no dus' upon yo' back;
You do' know how to paw
You could n' beller now, ner run;
You 's glad enough to stan';
'T was grass en water en hot sun
'Wut made you sich a man.
—Charlotte Observer.

A FIGHT AND A SURRENDER

BY BELLE TRAVIES

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Betty never faced anything squarely. She had long been such an expert at dodging an issue that she was commonly referred to in her immediate circle of near and dear ones as "The Artful Dodger." All through the long, gay winter she had seen her fate in the shape of Kenneth Page closing in about her. Every time she danced, rode or talked with him she left with a mystic sixth sense that he meditated a proposal, but her elusiveness warded it off. A look of determination in his eyes, as he bade her good night in the opportune presence of her brother, convinced her that he would be badgered no longer. His look had been impressive—almost menacing—she decided, and his tone insinuating, as he told her with emphasis that he would see her again very soon.

Betty was meditative after he had gone. She didn't want to meet the issue yet, of course. She liked Kenneth very much—better than she did any one, but she shied at an engagement. She wanted another summer—and oh, well, she wasn't sure anyway. She lacked weapons and courage for an encounter, so she sought her usual refuge—flight.

She breakfasted with the family the next morning, which was a rare occurrence. When the family were assembled, she casually announced her intention of running down to see Aunt Lydia at the farm for a few days. It would be so restful after all her dissipation. She really was on the verge of nervous prostration, she declared.

To her surprise and relief there was no opposition to this plan. In her effort to speak and appear indifferent, Betty looked at none of her elders, or she would have seen a wordless telegraphy of intelligent glances exchanged.

"That isn't a bad idea," said her mother. "Telephone Uncle Homer to meet you."
Betty did some active work in telephoning and packing in order to be off before Kenneth should be apprised of her journey.

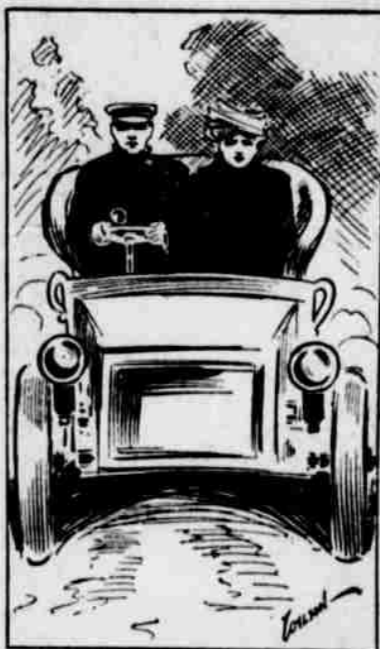
"She is running away from Kenneth," sighed her mother ruefully; "but it's only fifty miles to the farm."
"She'll stay about two days and one night!" prophesied her brother.
The country in the latter part of February certainly did not appeal to Betty's eye for the beautiful. The snow was nearly gone, and the carriage wheels crumbled dismally through the thin, ice-coated ruts in the road from the station to the farm. She flagged her resolution, and when she stepped into the big, comfortable farmhouse with its old-fashioned, back-logged fireplace, and was greeted by the hospitable welcome of cousins, uncles and aunts, she was more cheerful.

Lizzie Brooks, the stern-featured, spinster school teacher, dropped in to Aunt Lydia's on her way home. She was in the depths of despair. She wanted to go away for a week to at-



Betty was meditative. She tended the wedding of her brother, but she could find no substitute. "I'll teach school for you for a week," volunteered Betty, anxious to burn her ships lest in her loneliness she return to Kenneth. "I can't teach them anything, but I can keep it going for you."
The school teacher looked at Betty doubtfully.
"I've taught in the charity kindergarten and aid schools," remarked Betty complacently.
Lizzie Brooks brightened.
"Then you can get along with the first and second reader classes

"Oh, I can get along all right."
So it was arranged that Betty should begin her duties on Monday morning, as this was Saturday and Lizzie would start at midnight.
When Betty made her debut as schoolma'am, she certainly made a hit. Admiration for her clothes alone held her charges captivated and spell-bound. A breathless silence ensued. When they had recovered from their first awe at her striking appearance, she made a second hit by asking them if they weren't all thirsty, and the water pail was passed frequently and



Made up her mind she didn't want to dodge this issue.

with alacrity throughout the day. She occasionally called on a class for recitation and made a stab at asking some of the questions, but for the most part her instructions were confined to teaching the first reader class to cut out paper dolls and prick patterns with a pin on colored paper. She showed the older girls how to pompadour their hair and described football games vividly to the big boys. With all this she cheery and sympathetic. Life for that week was certainly a beautiful dream to the pupils. When the last day of her term came, however, the novelty had all worn off for Betty, and she felt like "jumping her job."

In the afternoon a diversion was caused by hearing the chug-chug of an automobile, and the little children stood up in their seats to gaze out, unprepared, for Betty herself was eager to see this reminder of her former life.

To the children's delight, the big car came right into the school ground. Betty had little spasms of several emotions as she saw Kenneth coming in at the schoolroom door. She gave him a calm, unsmiling welcome. He volunteered the information that he had "just run over in his machine to bring her some books and things."
"I couldn't believe you were really teaching school!" he added. "I had to come and see. It's a great joke, Betty!"
Defiance raged within Betty. "So you think I can't teach," she thought. "Well, I'll show you!"
"Sit down," she said, drawing a chair forward. "We are always pleased to have company."
Her composure was somewhat ruffled by following the glances of the tittering children. On the blackboard, which he was supposed to be erasing, bold Bobby Green had written: "Teacher's Got a Bol!"
"Rub that out, Bobby, and pass the water," she said sternly.
While Bobby executed this maneuver, she called a class in spelling, and gave out only the easy words. After this recitation, there was a disposition on the part of the bad boy of the school to get into mischief.
"Pass the water, Hank!" she commanded, believing in prevention.
The teacher and scholars acquitted themselves with credit throughout the afternoon.

"It's coming!" she thought, as she put on her wraps, and noted the grim look of determination in Kenneth's eyes. His air of satisfaction vanished as they came outside. Several children, in waiting, immediately surrounded Betty.
"They always walk home with me," she said delightedly, "so you'll have to let them ride with us."
He filled the big green and white car with rapturous children. Kenneth

was equal to the occasion, and insisted on taking each one to his or her home before bringing up at the farm. Betty's heart began to palpitate when the last child had been delivered, and she was left alone with Kenneth on the return ride of five miles. A second thought reminded her that he never talked when he was running his car. Her security was short lived. On a lonely cross road the car came abruptly to a standstill.

"Can't you make it go?" she asked anxiously.
"I guess I can—when I want to. I am going to ask you something first."
"Oh, not now, Kenneth," she replied nervously. "I am—so—cold!" Let's hurry home."
He made no response, and she shot him a covert glance. He did not see her, as he was looking straight ahead. So she looked again and again, and each time she looked, she thought him bigger, stronger and handsomer. She made up her mind then and there she didn't want to dodge this issue.

"Betty, you know what it is I want!"
"No—no!"
"I want to be what Bobby Green wrote on the blackboard."
"But you are that already, aren't you, Kenneth?"
"With all it implies, Betty?" he asked entreatingly, as he put his arm about her.
"Yes," she whispered.

NOT WHAT MAMA LOOKED FOR.
Second Shock of the Day for Wilbur's Mother.
Mrs. Mortimer Rutherford, of Riverside Drive, in despair of breaking her little boy of swearing, at last threatened that the next time he used a bad word she would banish him from home. The very next day he exploded a big, big D.

"I am very sorry, Wilbur," said Mrs. Rutherford, "but I have never broken my word to you, so now you must leave home."
Nanette packed the child's little toy suit case, and he, without a whimper, but with round, wondering eyes and downcast mouth, kissed his mama and departed. Mrs. Rutherford's eyes were dim as she watched her baby boy in his blue traveling suit sturdily trudging away, without one faltering backward glance.

A long way off, Wilbur set his burden on the ground, and himself perched solemnly on the curb, chin in hands in deep meditation. The spectacle was too much for the fond mother-heart. Very quietly mama sped down the drive and tiptoed up behind Master Wilbur. As she was hovering on the very point of surprising him with tearful kisses, a pompous old man appeared.

"Child," he said, "child, will you—hum—tell me where Mr. Milliken lives?"
Ah! Now mama's little man would show his excellent breeding! Wilbur raised his solemn blue eyes, and regarded the pompous man coldly.

"You go to—" he said, calmly. "I have troubles of my own."—Saturday Evening Post.

Couldn't Have Done Better Himself.
I was teaching a country school in St. Lawrence county, New York, and boarding around. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" had just appeared and was shaking the country. When I went to the district I took a copy with me. I first boarded with old Deacon Short, a Scotch Dissenter. When I went to my next boarding place I left "Uncle Tom" with him. After a week or two I happened to drop in on the deacon. He received me with some eagerness of manner and began to tell me of his interest in the book I had left with him.

"A most remarkable book," he said. "It has changed my whole views on the subject of slavery. But the most remarkable thing about it is that it was written by a woman! Why, do you know, I don't believe—if I should sit down and do nothing else for a whole month—that I could write a better book than that!"

Reads like a pleasantry. doesn't it? But you should have heard the emphasis and seen the solemnity of the deacon's face.—Boston Herald.

Children's Jokes.
Mary announced the other day that she was hungry. Her brother, to tease her, inquired, "How do you feel when you are hungry?" Mary promptly replied, "Exactly as if I had a corkscrew in my stomach."
The same little girl had just been introduced to a visitor named Mr. Hunter. After dinner this visitor said: "If you remember my name you shall have these bonbons, Mary," and in her eagerness to get the bonbons lost by exclaiming, "It's Mr. Shooter."

Willie had just started to kindergarten. The terms horizontal and perpendicular had been explained. The next Sunday Willie said, "Mother, I don't like my Sunday school teacher."
"Why?" asked his mother.
"Well," replied Willie, "she's all right for a school teacher, but I don't like her for a Sunday school teacher. She's too horizontal, and she ought to be more perpendicular."—Exchange.

Fulfilled Threat of Death.
That Sicilian brigands are still living up to their melodramatic traditions is proved by the following bit of news from that island: About a month ago Signor di Martino, a Sicilian of good family, was captured by brigands while cycling near Palermo. His parents, instead of paying the ransom, hired soldiers to search for him. His dead body has now been found buried under a pyramid of stones.

More Men Than Women.
There are 1,840,280 more men than women in the United States, and the same proportion prevails in almost every country. The only exception is in Paraguay, where there are more than twice as many women as men. This is due to the fact that some years ago, in a political revolution and a war with Brazil and the Argentine Republic, the men were almost exterminated.

Place for Mrs. Gridley.
Among the clerks in the land office in Washington is Mrs. Anna Gridley, 80 years old, mother of the captain to whom Dewey said at Manila: "You may fire when ready." She is also the widow of a gallant naval officer who was killed in the fight between the Monitor and Merrimac.

If you know a man to be a liar you can trade horses with him understandingly.

Whose Say-so is Best?

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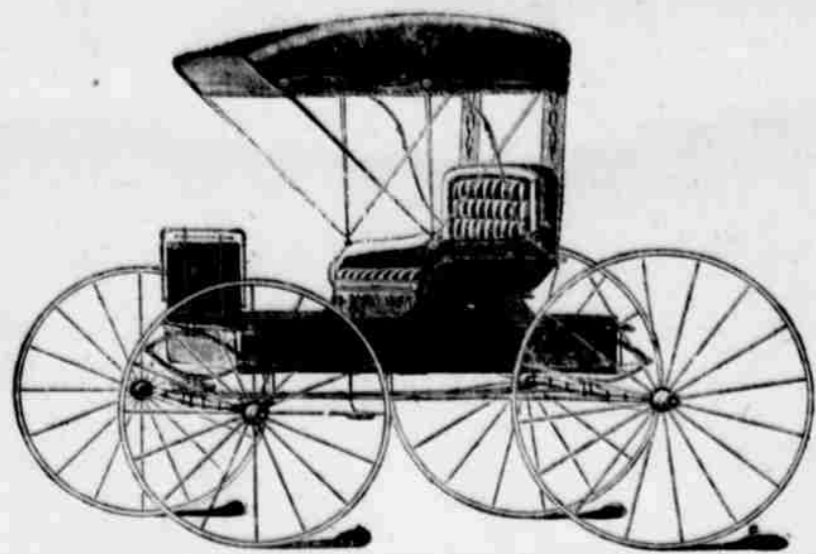
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EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Subject—A life that is a trust; Rom. 14:7-10.

Leader—Miss Geneva McWhitter.

Song—Prayer.

1. The universal trust, Luke 14:12-27.

2. The requisite of stewardship, 1 Cor. 4:1-2.

3. The responsibility measured by the Gift, 1 Pet. 4:10.

4. The greatest of all responsibilities, Matt. 16:19.

5. The reckoning, Luke 16:1-2; 10-12.

Song.

a. Each of our lives is a trust from God—Mr. Charlie Camp.

b. This trust is represented in ourselves—Miss Lockie Sprows.

c. This trusts affects the lives and trusts of others—Miss Ora Buchanan.

d. We must at last give an account of the use of our life trust—Miss Kate Lemmons.

Song.

Short talk on lesson—Dr. Hester.

Song and League benediction.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Feb. 4, 1906.

Leader—Bertram Buchanan.

League Prayer.

Hymn.

Members to respond to roll call with scriptural reading.

Topic.—The Obedience of Nature.

Psalm CVI: 31; Matt. 8:26-27.

Hymn.

Application, Reading.

Close with Lord's prayer.

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The soothing and healing properties of this remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and permanent cures, have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of small children, for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief, and as it contains no opium or other harmful drug, it may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale at Terrell's Drug Store.

On last Thursday evening the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society entertained the societies of the other churches at the Presbyterian church. The program was well suited to the occasion and consisted of songs: "Blessed be the Tide," address of welcome by Mrs. T. D. Iselt; response by Mrs. W. L. Hills, read by Mrs. J. B. Baker in the absence of Mrs. Hills; reading by Mrs. M. Pierson, "Too Late"; instrumental piece by Miss Maxwell; intermission, hand shaking and refreshments; recital by Miss Jesty Ellis. The evening was a pleasant one and exemplified the beautiful and wholesome doctrine of sisterly love, the great basic and universal principle of the Christian system. A liberal contribution was made to the free-will offering.

Mrs. M.



We still have plenty of money to loan on land and land notes. We can get you the money as quickly as any one. No trimmings.

SANDERS & WILSON, Haskell, Tex.

SHADE TREES FOR OAK CLIFF.

May Suggest Shade Trees for Haskell.

We clip and print the following item from the Dallas News thinking that, maybe, someone in Haskell would catch the inspiration and plant shade trees:

The following announcement was made yesterday by W. L. Diamond, chairman of the park, lawn and tree committee appointed by Oak Cliff Improvement League:

"The park, lawn and tree committee appointed by Oak Cliff, or Ninth Ward, Improvement League is doing great work. We have been organized about two weeks. We are going to do our best to get our citizens to beautify their lawns and put out shade trees. Up to date there has been about 1,200 trees set out in the Ninth Ward. We have thoroughly investigated the different kind of shade trees. From our investigation and experience the hackberry, elm and sycamore are by far the best trees for this climate and soil; they are tough and have no enemies. Any one having these trees can find a good market in Oak Cliff. We have a contract with a party to put out hackberry trees, size up to four inches for 75c, from four to six inches \$1, and guarantee them for two years with a good bond.

"We urge and request owners of vacant lots to put out shade trees at once. This is the best investment you can make—a tree that will cost you 75c in five years will be worth \$25. Let us all work together and have the most attractive residence property in Dallas. If you want to encourage good citizens to locate in your midst there is nothing better than beautifying your property. Oak Cliff is divided into six districts, with a committee in each. I advised a plan to have this work done. Knowing the ladies are the best workers, I called on Mrs. E. B. Muse, president of the Oak Cliff Improvement Society and she at once agreed to appoint two other active ladies to co-operate with the committeemen in that district.

There will be a reward given to the one that makes the best report by March 1, 1906.

Mr. C. M. Brown, former tax assessor, who now resides near Carney, was in the city a day or two this week.

A DEWEY STORY.

The following story of Admiral Dewey is told by one of the sailors who returned on the Raleigh. Just before the historical battle of Manila, when the order was given to strip for action, the smallest powder boy on the flagship dropped his coat overboard. He asked permission to jump after it, but was refused. He went to the side of the ship, dropped overboard, recovered his coat and was promptly arrested for disobedience. Admiral Dewey spoke kindly to the youngster, who broke down and said that the coat contained his mother's picture and he could not bear to see it lost. Dewey's eyes filled with tears. He fairly embraced the boy and ordered him released, saying, "Boys who love their mothers enough to risk their lives for her picture cannot be kept in irons this fleet."

Starting But True

People the world over were horrified on learning of the burning of a Chicago theatre where nearly six hundred people lost their lives, yet more than five times this number, or over 3,000 people, died from pneumonia in Chicago the same year, with scarcely a passing notice. Every one of these cases of pneumonia resulted from a cold and could have been prevented by the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. A great many who had every reason to fear pneumonia have warded it off by the prompt use of this remedy. The following is an instance of this sort: "Too much cannot be said in favor of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and especially for colds and influenza. I know that it cured my daughter, Laura, of a severe cold, and saved her life when she was threatened with pneumonia." W. D. WILCOX, Logan, New York. Sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

Prayer-meeting Program, Feb. 7.

Subject—"The Church and Outcasts;" Matt. 9:10-13; Matt. 11:19; Luke 12:36-50; Luke 15:1-2.

Leader—Miss Tommie Boone.

Clipping from "Standard" and "Evangelist."

Paper by Mr. R. D. C. Stephens.

Duett—Miss Ruby Beavers and Mrs. Baker.

All are cordially invited to enjoy the program.

"Infant Baptism" will be the subject of the discourse for Sunday morning, Feb. 4, at the Christian church. Do not miss this interesting discussion.

At 7:30 p. m. the theme for consideration will be, "The Year of Development."

Luckiest Man in Arkansas

"I'm the luckiest man in Arkansas," writes H. L. Stanley, of Banno, "since the restoration of my wife's health after five years of continuous coughing and bleeding from the lungs; and I owe my good fortune to the world's greatest medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which I know from experience will cure consumption if taken in time. My wife improved with the first bottle and twelve bottles completed the cure." Cures the worst coughs and colds or money refunded. At Terrell's Drug Store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

(TEMPERANCE TOPIC.)

Song. Prayer.

Opening exercises—Mr. John Couch.

Song.

Scripture reading, Matt. 26:41; 1 Cor. 10:12-13; Jas. 4:7; Heb. 2:18; 4:14-16; 12:1-4—Miss Alice Poole.

Song.

"What Intoxicants are a Temptation?"—Paper—Prof. Morrow.

"What the Bible says about strong drink."—Paper—Miss Eula Poole.

Song.

"How can we best safeguard ourselves?"—Short Address—Bro. Nicholson.

Select Reading—Miss Lizzie Wright.

Song.

Benediction.

WHAT THE KIDNEYS DO.

Their Unceasing Work Keeps us Strong and Healthy.

All the blood in the body passes through the kidneys once every three minutes. The kidneys filter the blood. They work night and day. When healthy they remove about 500 grains of impure matter daily, when unhealthy some part of this impure matter is left in the blood. This brings on many diseases and symptoms—pain in the back, headache, nervousness, hot, dry skin, rheumatism, gout, gravel, disorders of the eyesight and hearing, dizziness, irregular heart, debility, drowsiness, dropsy, deposits in the urine, etc. But if you keep the filters right you will have no trouble with your kidneys.

W. T. Cox, farmer, living four miles south of Merkel, Texas, says: "About two years ago I was suddenly taken ill one day while at work, and as I

got worse the doctor was called in and he pronounced it congestion of the kidneys. After several days I was able to get around, but ever since then I have been troubled by too frequent action of the kidney secretions. There seemed to be no power of retention day or night. I spent over a hundred and fifty dollars and took eight months' treatment from a specialist without benefit. One box of Doan's Kidney Pills did me more good than all the other medicine combined. The use of this remedy to a great extent has corrected the action of the kidney secretions."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

FATE OF THE TOUGH BOY.

A boy stands on the street corners smoking cigarettes, using slang, becoming an adept in the finesse of polite swearing, making remarks about all the women that go by, and telling exactly where old Tom Smith misses it in his business affairs. He dotes on the appellations of "June sweetener," "tough," and "peachero," applied to him throughout the community. His conduct is condoned at by the witless girls of town on the road to God knows where; he is dubbed the "proper stuff" by his associates, while the youngest prodigals look upon his reputation as a consummation devoutly to be wished. After a little there is an opening in the firm of Stoddard & Stoddard for a promising boy, offering a good salary to start on. But our young "peachero" does not get it. No, sir; he doesn't get it; and he can't understand why he, of all the young men about, should not have been approached with that proposition at least three days before anybody else was thought of. Miserable, incorrigible fool! Poor wretched wretch, incapable, with distorted conceptions of life! What hath a business house to do with thee? Or, why should a respectable institution of whatever nature covet thy presence? Boy, business men of your town know you better than your parents do. Their eyes are on you when you are least aware. You may slip away from your old mother who sits busy with her knitting; you may dope and deceive your best friends; you may elude the watchful eye of your teacher; you may trifle with the confidence of your Sunday school superintendent, but you can't fool the business men of your town when they have a position to be filled.—Ex.

Remarkable Work of an Indiana Physician.

The wonderful cures being performed by Dr. James W. Kidd, a physician of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, have become so well known and numerous as to leave no doubt that the Doctor possesses remarkable skill and ability. Hundreds of chronic invalids afflicted with almost every disease known to medical science have been restored to perfect health under Dr. Kidd's treatment.

Almost as remarkable is his offer to send free proof treatments entirely at his own expense, without any cost to the sick, to prove his ability, before he asks for money.

This offer is so fair and liberal that we would advise every reader of this paper afflicted with any disease, no matter how serious or complicated, to write to Dr. Kidd, describing their condition, you will receive by return mail, free of all charge, a complete proof treatment. Address, Dr. James W. Kidd, Box 700, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Locating Depot Grounds.

McKinney, Tex., Jan. 29.—The surveying corps of the Texas, New Mexico and Pacific Railroad has returned to this city and is now surveying grounds for the location of the depot and shop yards.

Sick Headache

This distressing ailment results from a disordered condition of the stomach. All that is needed to effect a cure is a dose or two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. In fact, the attack may be warded off or greatly lessened severity by taking a dose of these Tablets as soon as the first symptom of an attack appears. Sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

Clearing Off Right Of Way

Ablene, Tex., Jan. 29.—A large force of hands began grubbing and clearing off the right of way of the Abilene and Northern preparatory for the grading force, which will follow immediately.

Frightfully Burned

Chas. W. Moore, a machinist, of Ford City, Pa., had his hand frightfully burned in an electric furnace. He applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve with the usual result: "a quick and perfect cure." Greatest healer on earth for burns, Wounds, Sores, Eczema and Piles. 25c at Terrell's Drug Store.

GROUNDHOG DAY.

Thursday was groundhog day, and the people who esteem the animal as a weather prophet wanted to see a gloomy Feb. 1. All this comes about from the legendary perceptibility of the rodent. The story is that he comes out from winter hibernation on Feb. 1. He looks about him in timorous fashion and should he see his shadow he scurries again into his retreat for a fortnight or maybe for two fortnights more. That means bad weather if the sun is shining on Feb. 1, and a continuation of the winter for four weeks.

How this story ever got about is a hard thing to tell. The groundhog belongs to a family with wide ramifications and extensive connections. In America he is the groundhog, or maybe the prairie dog, or even a cousinly relation of the coyote. He is sometimes confounded with the common mole, but neither side seems proud of the insinuation. Europeans call him a marmot, and both sides of the waters speak of him at times as the woodchuck, and endless jokes are perpetrated upon his name.

Call him what you will, he is timorous and hibernates when his bigger kinsman, the beaver, is hard at work. Growing a bit hungry as the winter wears away he sallies forth on Feb. 1. If he sees nothing to alarm him he rambles about in search of food.

He hunts up old acquaintances and forms new ones. But he is afraid of his shadow, the timid fellow, and if the sun shines on that day, back he darts into his hollow log or hole in the ground. Ground squirrel or Arctomys Monax, he will take no chances for his precious life. With him discretion is the better part of valor. No matter if the world must worry along with more of the winter, his hide must be kept whole.

The story in some form is in the folk lore of all nations.

He did not want his name used but says: "After using Hooper's Tetter Cure on my sore, tired, sweaty, blistered feet, they have given me no trouble. Collier."

Feeling bad is a thing of the past with those who use Herbtan. Guaranteed by Collier.

Why have a dirty, dandruff head, when Hooper's Tetter Cure is Guaranteed to eliminate dandruff and clean your head. Collier.

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A man traveling ran into a drug store and called for Herbtan. Have none! Then take your sign down. By the use of Herbtan I have come from 105 to 165 pounds. Guaranteed by Collier.

Summer Rest—To insure a good summer rest apply Hooper's Tetter Cure to your sore, tired, aching and blistered feet. Guaranteed by Collier.

Almost immediately after taking Herbtan you begin to feel its cleansing, strengthening and purifying power. Guaranteed by Collier.

Fruit Trees For Sale.

Also grapes, berries, roses and shade trees. Across the street from Post Office at Stamford, Texas.

A. F. Shotwell.

Mr. J. A. Couch, Sr., postmaster at Munday, visited his sons here a day or two this week. He told us the grading forces were making fine progress on the work between Seymour and Munday and he thought they would complete that division next week and be ready to start grading between Munday and Haskell the first of the following week.

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I will have for sale from now on during the spring, eggs for setting from pure bred Barred Plymouth Rock chickens.

Best selected eggs, \$1 for 15. Unselected "50c" 15.

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